

Item for the Daily Log - 12 February 1953

1. Discussed with Mr. Roger Kent and John Adams, General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel of the Department of Defense, the proposed bill establishing a Deputy Director for CIA. Mr. Adams pointed out that the provision calling for the Director of Central Intelligence to appoint a military ~~man~~ Deputy Director was unworkable in that only the President could appoint a military man in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief, and that the Director could not be given authority to do so. He also stated that the Department of Defense would oppose the proposed retirement provision of the bill as it was an invasion of the retirement laws. Mr. Houston and I discussed these matters with Mr. Dulles, who concurred in our recommendations to delete the retirement provision from the present bill, particularly as it would not apply to General Cabell, and also to authorize the President rather than the Director to appoint the Deputy Director.